362.62
I31r
1918

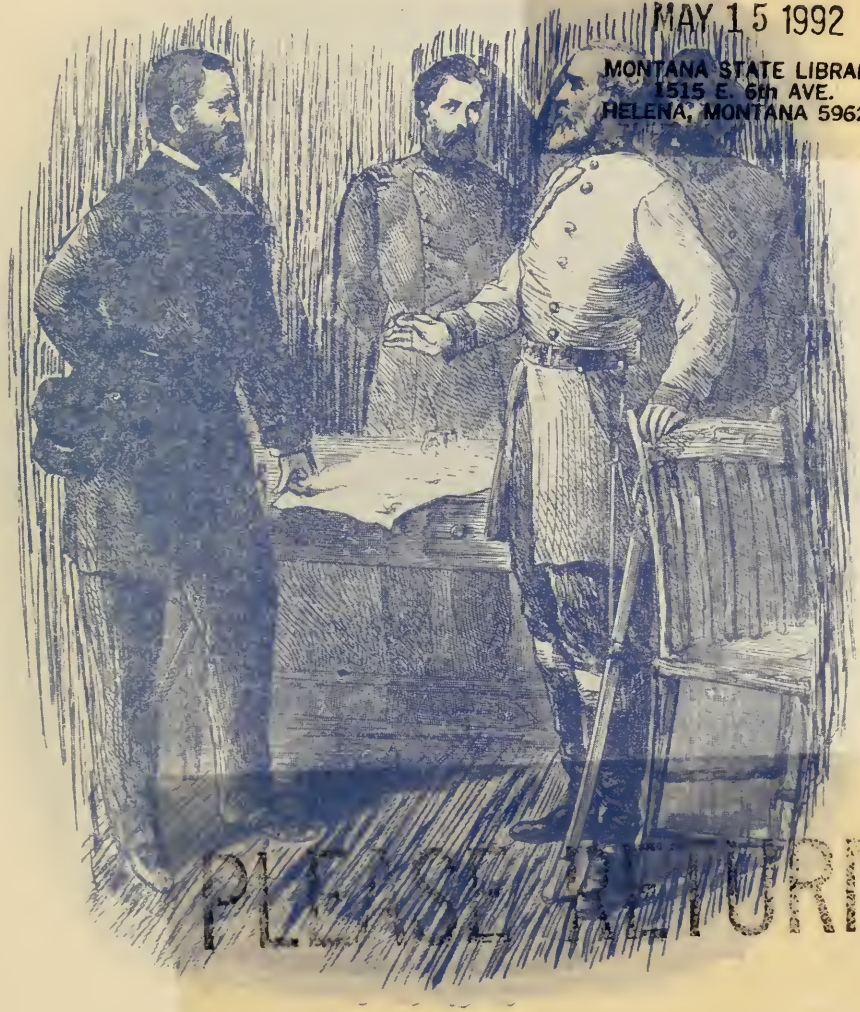
STATE DOCUMENTS

Biennial Report of the Board of Managers
OF THE
MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION

MAY 15 1992

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
1515 E. 6th AVE.
HELENA, MONTANA 59620



PLEASE RETURN

APPOMATTOX
April 9, 1865
PEACE

AT COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA

For Years Ending Dec. 1st, 1917 and Dec. 1st, 1918

To Honorable Samuel V. Stewart, Governor, and the Citizens of the State of Montana:

This publication is made to give the citizens of Montana full information of and concerning the Montana Soldiers' Home, one of the state's leading institutions, located at Columbia Falls, Flathead county, Montana. The laws of the state provide that a bi-ennial report of this institution be made to the governor.

The thanks of the Board of Managers are due and are hereby extended to Governor Samuel V. Stewart and the Fifteenth Legislative Assembly for the deep interest, courteous, just and liberal treatment received at their hands by this institution.

The thanks of the Board are also extended to Col. P. W. Sheehy (deceased), commandant 1917. The present commandant, Col. G. I. Reiche; John S. Axtell, adjutant, 1917. The present adjutant, W. L. Fitzsimmons, Dr. John T. Robinson, Mrs. Julia W. Sheehy, matron, 1917. Mrs. Ida Greenhalgh, the present matron. Rev. Craven, the chaplain, and E. M. Van Dyke, engineer.

All have performed the duties imposed upon them in a most satisfactory manner.

The employes of the home, both male and female, are complimented upon the thorough manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

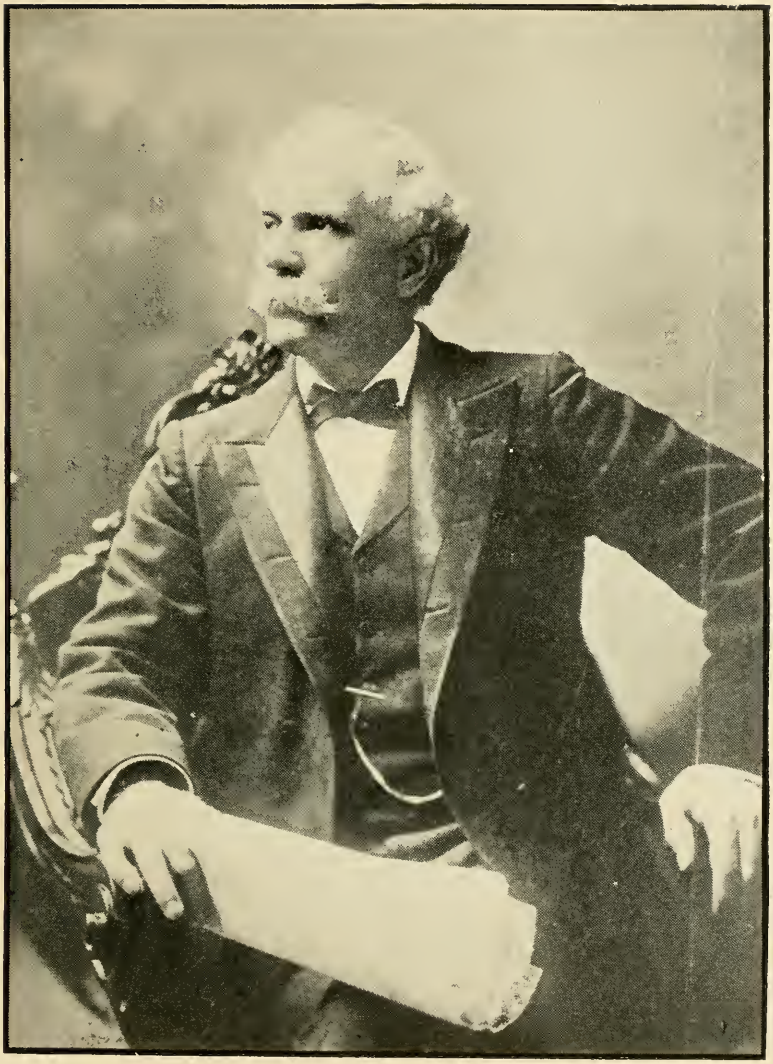
Very respectfully,

AL INGRAHAM, President,
CHARLES S. WARREN, Secretary,
DR. ARTHUR MORROW (Deceased),
MARTIN MAGINNIS,
A. T. MUNRO, M. D.,
JOHN MARCHION,
G. A. R. Member,

Composing the Board of Managers,
Montana Soldiers' Home, 1917-1918.

Columbia Falls, Montana, December 1, 1918.

HON. SAMUEL V. STEWART
Governor of Montana



HON. J. E. RICKARDS
Governor of Montana, 1894-1898

BIENNIAL REPORT

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE

Montana Soldiers' Home

AT COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA

FOR THE YEARS 1917-1918

GENERAL VIEW OF PARADE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

MAIN BUILDING

Under the law, the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Montana, is an ex-Officio Member of the Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home during his term of office, and the following have served in that capacity:

Robert E. Fisk *	1895
L. S. Willson	1896
T. C. Davidson *	1897
W. H. H. Dickinson *	1898
C. B. Miller	1899
P. H. Manchester	1900
Frank P. Sterling *	1901
A. N. Bull *	1902
J. S. Wisner *	1903
Henry N. Blake	1904
W. F. Sanders *	1905
A. J. Fisk *	1906
B. N. Beebe *	1907
E. C. Kinney *	1908
E. S. Pease *	1909
R. G. Huston *	1910
John J. Rohrbaugh	1911
W. Y. Smith	1912
P. W. Sheehy *	1913
Edward L. Barnes	1914
James R. Goss	1915
G. I. Reiche	1916
Simon Hauswirth	1917
John Marchion	1918

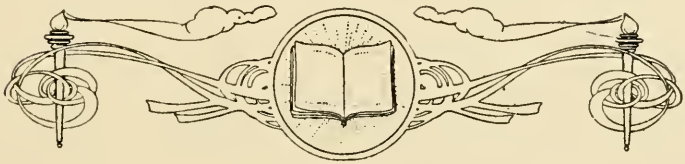
* Deceased.

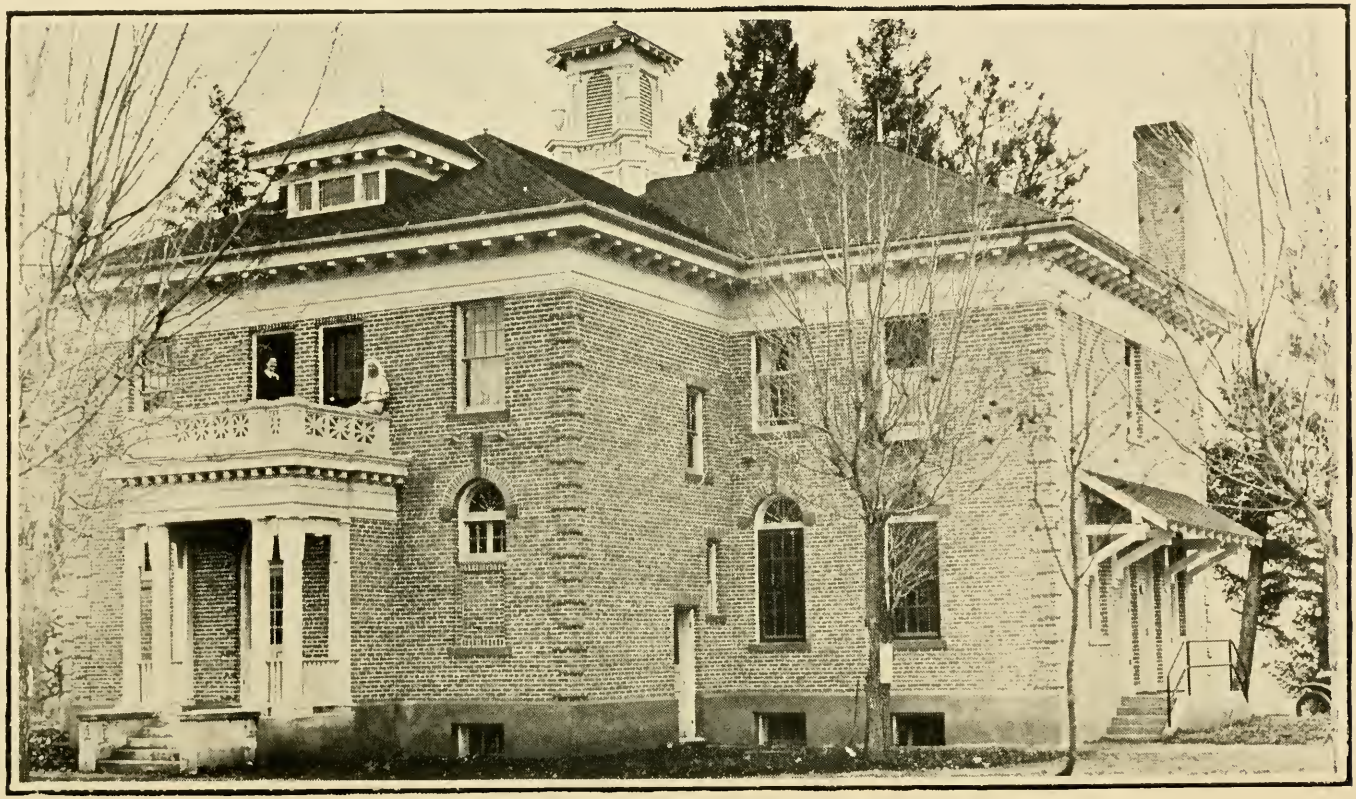
THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

Located at Columbia Falls, Montana, is a notable monument to the gratitude and patriotism of the people of Montana. Not with the grudging hand of reticent donation has this Home been established and maintained, but with a generosity and scrupulous discrimination that have exercised themselves in seeing that the best was none too good for the "Old Boys," and with the magnificent result that the Montana Soldiers' Home cannot be excelled, if it can be equaled, among the various Homes that dot our country, and emphasizing the fact that republics are not ungrateful. Not pursuant to the mental telepathy that because our soldiers were not coddled during their term of arduous and self-sacrificing defense of the Union, a common-place residence might suffice for the passing of their old age; but the people of Montana decreed that the Home should be comfortably, even luxuriously, appareled and provided for, so that many of the men that "came at their Country's call," have a hospice that exceeds the humble home that they left to enter on their period of warring for the maintenance of those homes, the homes of other Americans and the upholding of the integrity of the United States.

Not content with the amicable and handsome provision for the old soldiers, the Montanans decided that the wives and widows of soldiers should also be cared for in the same style of sufficiency as were their husbands. This is as it should be, the suffering, the anxious waiting, the heart-breaking and apprehensive fear, were borne in agony by the relatives of the men in the field, a pain so tense that even the spoken and unspoken prayers of the sufferers were unable to solace, or even alleviate. When we put ourselves in "the other fellow's place," it seems the acme of cruelty to separate the old fellows and their wives, in their old age, and at a time when the society of one's helpmate is a boon to sociability, and

> "When pain and anguish wring the brow,
> A ministering angel thou."





SERVICE AND HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Act to establish, locate and maintain a Soldiers' Home in the State of Montana was approved March 18, 1895, and his Excellency John E. Rickards in due time appointed Hon. P. R. Dolman of Butte, C. B. Miller, M. D., of Helena; Ed. F. Ferris of Bozeman, and Lyman Loring as the first Board of Managers. R. E. Fisk was also a member of the Board by virtue of his office as Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State of Montana.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers was held in Helena on May 7, 1895, at which time Hon. P. R. Dolman was elected President of the Board, and Dr. C. B. Miller was chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

The Act establishing the Home provided that proposals for sites should be made to the Board of Managers, and that no proposal should be considered that did not contemplate the giving to the State of Montana at least 40 acres of tillable land. Some fifteen offers of land and donations of money were filed in response to the advertisement, and on August 8, 1895, the Board of Managers accepted the offer of the Northern International Improvement Company of Columbia Falls, Montana. This offer included 160 acres of land, $3,100.00 cash and the installation of boiler, engine, pumps and tanks.

On December 4, 1895, the Board met and advertised for plans for the first building, to be constructed at a cost not exceeding the sum of $10,000.00. On February 5, 1896, the plans and specifications of Mr. C. S. Haire were accepted. Bids for the completion of the building were requested, and on April 6, 1896, the bid of Mr. Fred Whiteside for the sum of $9,895.00 was accepted. The building was completed and accepted in due time.

On Memorial Day, May 30, 1896, the cornerstone was laid by Governor J. E. Rickards with appropriate ceremonies. A large crowd gathered from the surrounding country, and the occasion was patriotic and impressive. Governor Rickards made a splendid address as did other prominent citizens who were present. The present Secretary of this Board wrote to Governor Rickards asking for his photograph, which is included in this publication. The Governor replied to the Secretary as follows:

San Francisco, Cal.,
January 8, 1917.

My Dear General Warren:

I have pushed pressing work to one side to hasten to comply with your request for a photograph of myself for insertion in the report which the Board of Managers of Montana's Soldiers' Home wish to publish. I thank you for the implied compliment.

With pardonable pride, I may be allowed to say, I not only appointed the first Board of Managers, but was present at the laying of the cornerstone and made an address on that occasion.

And I may be allowed to say with some pride, it fell to my lot to sign every bill which located every one of the State's Public Institutions. That fact has always been of great interest to me, for such a distinction has fallen to few men. I hope the mere statement does not smack of immodesty.

When I have a more favorable opportunity, I shall take pleasure in replying to your kind letter. Just now I am overwhelmed with office work preparatory to a trip to Washington on official business.

With great respect, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

J. E. RICKARDS.

Hon. D. J. Hennessy donated the first flag for the Home, and at a meeting of the Board of Managers held on May 5, 1896, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hennessy.

On August 4, 1896, Captain J. R. Hillman was made the unanimous choice for Commandant of the Home.

The application and recommendation of nine persons were pre-

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

sented to the Board and upon the vote of the Board were admitted to the Home.

Captain Hillman resigned his position as Commandant of the Home in the fall of 1902, and on the 2nd of December of that year Captain H. S. Howell was elected in his stead. Captain Howell died at the Home on September 11, 1911, and Captain J. E. Sprague was chosen to succeed him.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers at the Home was held on May 6, 1897, and on June 17, 1897, the first application for membership was approved. Since the Home opened, over 500 veterans have been enrolled, and of this number 40 served in the Spanish-American war and three were Indian fighters during the years 1876-1877 in the Territory of Montana.

The law concerning "Who is eligible to membership" is so illy understood by those who may be admitted, and also by the officers of the several counties of the state, that the same are re-printed here.

The following is the law regarding admissions, passed by the 13th Legislative Assembly;

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. That Sections 1290 and 1291 of the Political Code are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1290. Who is eligible to admission. Any soldier, sailor, or marine who served in the army of the United States during the late 'Civil War,' or in the Mexican War, or in the late War with Spain, or who within the borders of the Territory of Montana, served in the Sioux War of 1876, or in the Nez Perce War of 1877, and received honorable discharge therefrom, who at the time of admission is an invalid by reason of disease contracted, wounds received, or by reason of other disability, shall be eligible to admission to the benefits of the Home under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Managers thereof on the certificate of disability by a county commissioner and the county physician of the county in which the applicant may reside; and the transportation of such applicant to the said county if the applicant is unable to pay the same. Provided, that the benefits of said home shall not be extended to any one who has not resided within the State of Montana for a period of one year next preceding the date of his application, or to any one who has not resided within the county from which he asks to be sent to the home for the period of three months from the date of his application, nor to any one convicted of a felony or of a crime showing moral turpitude, nor shall any one who has been an habitual drunkard be received without sufficient evidence of subsequent good conduct and reformation of character as may be satisfactory to the said Board of Managers.

"Section 1291. The Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home is authorized and empowered to admit to the privileges of the Home, under such rules as the Board may prescribe, the wives or widows of soldiers or sailors who are inmates or who may be or may have been eligible to admission as inmates and who were married prior to the year 1902.

"Section 2. All Acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval."

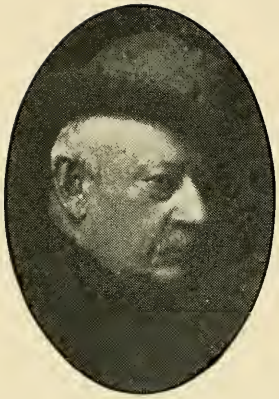
Approved March 14, 1913.

As to the population of the Home, see report to the Governor.

The buildings now in use are the Main Building, already referred to; the Administration Building, originally constructed for a hospital; the Women's Building, the Hospital and the Service and Headquarters Building, which has been constructed since our last Report at an expense of nearly twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars. These buildings are substantially built of brick and stone and concrete, two stories in height, with basement and are fully insured.

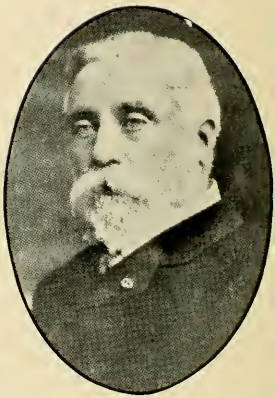
Columbia Falls, Montana, December 1, 1918.

SIMON HAUSWIRTH
G. A. R. Member



HON. CHARLES S. WARREN
Secretary

AL INGRAHAM
President



HON. MARTIN MAGINNIS

ARTHUR MORROW, M. D.
Deceased

Board of Managers, 1917

BOARD OF MANAGERS

1917

President	Al Ingraham
Secretary	Hon. Charles S. Warren
Members	Hon. Martin Maginnis
	Arthur Morrow, M. D.
	Mr. Simon Hauswirth (G. A. R. Member)

OFFICERS

Commandant	Col. G. I. Reiche
Adjutant	John S. Axtell
Surgeon	John T. Robinson, M. D.
Chaplain	Rev. Arthur W. Smith
Engineer	James Rogan
Matron	Mrs. Ada Greenhalgh

BOARD OF MANAGERS

1918

President	Al Ingraham
Secretary	Hon. Charles S. Warren
Members	Hon. Martin Maginnis
	Arthur Morrow, M. D. *
	A. T. Munro, M. D.
	Mr. John Marchion (G. A. R. Member)

OFFICERS

Commandant	Col. G. I. Reiche
Adjutant	W. L. Fitzsimmons
Surgeon	John T. Robinson, M. D.
Chaplain	Rev. R. M. Craven
Engineer	E. M. Van Dyke
Matron	Mrs. Ada Greenhalgh

* Deceased.

JOHN T. ROBINSON, M. D.
Surgeon

JOHN S. ANTELL
Adjutant

G. I. REICHE
Commandant

MRS. ADA GREENHALGH
Matron

REV. ARTHUR W. SMITH
Chaplain

Officers Montana Soldiers' Home, 1917

MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 30th, 1917

Columb'a Falls, Montana,
November 29, 1917.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Samuel V. Stewart,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs of this institution for the year ending November 30, 1917.

POPULATION

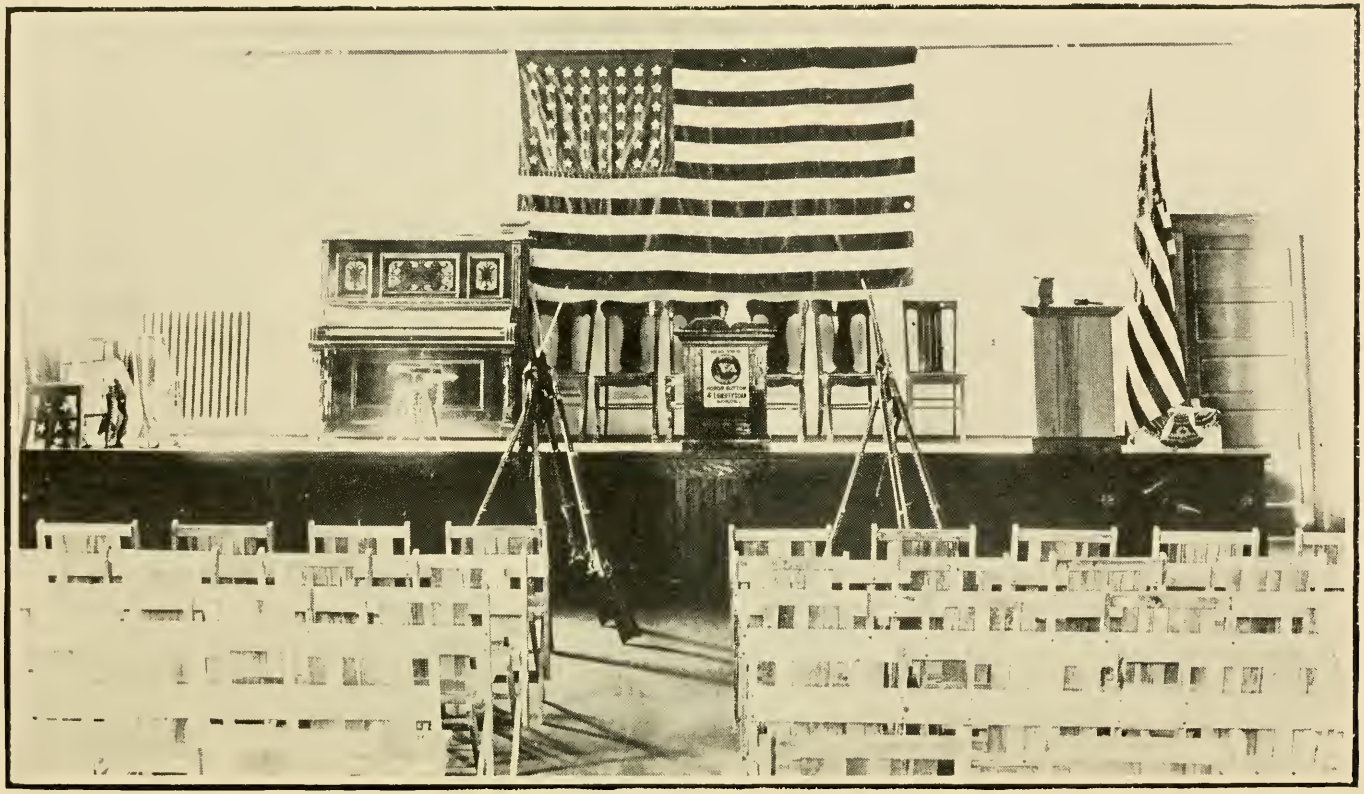
On December 1, 1916, there were 89 present and 13 absent, making a total of 102 members. During the year 27 members have been admitted and 25 re-admitted, 12 have been discharged at their own request and 4 for conduct unbecoming a member of the Home. Seventeen have dropped from the rolls for overstaying their leave, and the Home has lost 9 members by death. One dropped by order of the Inspector General and carried as an Independent Charge. Leave has been granted to 94 and 92 have returned from furlough. On this date, November 30, 1917, there are present for duty 69. Sick 27. Total present 96; absent with leave 15: Total present and absent 111.

A Roster of the Members of the Montana Soldiers' Home present and absent on November 30, 1917:

Name.	Co. Command.	County	Remarks
Angevine, John	F 10 Mich. Cav	Flathead	Present
Ames, J. J	B 58 Penna. Inf	Flathead	"
Adamson, Ferdinand	G 7 Iowa Cav	Gallatin	"
Axtell, John S	E 6 Mich. Cav	Silver Bow	Absent
Akers, William	A 154 N. Y. Inf	Silver Bow	Present
Adams, Rusling S	I 148 Penna. Inf	Lincoln	"
Adler, Jerome	B 26 Iowa Vol. Inf	Gallatin	Absent
Bailey, William L	I 4 Mich. Cav	Chouteau	Present
Baker, Osmond T	H 12 N. H. Vol. Inf	Flathead	Absent
Beck, Benjamin F	I 21 Penna. Cav	Flathead	Present
Boyle, John	F 16 U. S. Inf	Silver Bow	"
Burkman, John	K 6 Mo. Inf	Yellowstone	Absent
Bailey, Mark W	A 1 Maine Cav	Park	Present
Besette, Damas	K 36 Wis. Inf	Jefferson	"
Barnes, O. O	B 58 Penna. Inf	Lincoln	Present
Baker, William H	G 156 Ill. Inf	Silver Bow	"
Blankley, William	D 14 Wis. Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Bunce, Rufus O	F 1 Iowa Vet. Cav	Lewis & Clk.	"
Bradshaw, Victor M	B 4 Iowa Inf	Powell	Absent
Bond, John C	M 3 U. S. Vol. Cav	Yellows'ne,	Present
Brundage, James	8 Bat. Wis. Lgt. Art	Hill	Absent
Beaver, David W	H 134 Ohio Inf. N. G	Beaverhead,	Present
Bramberger, Jonathan	F 10 Mo. Cav	Hill	Present
Carver, Robt F	I 12 Reg. Wis. Vet. Inf	Flathead	"

HOSPITAL

Name.	Co.	Command.	County.	Remarks.
Cilley, Isaac	I	Minn. Light Art	Fergus	Present
Cowgill, Latham	H	2 Cal. Cav	Flathead	Absent
Cronin, Daniel	U. S.	Navy	Lewis & Clk.	Pres't
Clark, Isaac N	G	13 U. S. Inf	Chouteau	"
Cannovan, John	3rd Iowa	Bat. Lt. Art	Deer Lodge	"
Cook, James	U. S.	Navy	Flathead	"
Chilson, Albert	4th Ind.	Bat. Lt. Art	Yellowstone	"
Collar, Ira	Unassigned	Recruit	Lincoln	"
Chattin, Henry	U. S.	Navy	Missoula	"
Cooley, Robt. B	L	1 Mich. Lt. Art	Hill	"
Craig, William R	K	150 Ill. Inf	Blaine	Absent
Curtis, Francis J	D	1 Minn. Inf	Hill	Present
Cox, Chas. T	K	147 Ohio Natl. G	Gallatin	"
Closterman, Chas. H	G	4 Minn. Inf	Deer Lodge	"
Clement, James	E	1 Maine Cav	Lewis & Clk.	"
Darcy, Peter	U. S.	Navy	Teton	"
DeVaney, Michael	I	10 N. Y. Inf	Chouteau	"
DeShannaway, LaFayette	A	14 Ohio Inf	Flathead	"
Dryden, Charles	C	38 Ind. Inf	Hill	"
Dunn, Frederick P	H	9 Ill. Cav	Lewis & Clk.	"
Davis, Irvin F	U. S.	Navy	Flathead	"
Driscoll, Dennis	K	18 U. S. Inf. (I. W.)	Silver Bow	"
Dinneen, John	E	34 Ohio Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Dignan, Lawrence	B	1 Dak. Cav	Cascade	"
Donohue, Thomas	I	48 Ind. Vol. Inf	Beaverhead	"
Ellison, Charles F	E	3 Iowa Inf	Sanders	"
Fisher, John	E	85 Ind. Inf	Blaine	"
Frye, George	K	1 Mass. Hy. Art	Hill	"
Fox, Charles	K	19 Iowa Inf	Flathead	"
Goss, Leonard	D	45 Ill. Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Gilmore, Harry	M	3 U. S. Vol. Cav	Yellowstone	"
Gainan, Edward J	D	1 Mont. Inf	Madison	"
Gregg, Elijah K	C	59 Ind. Inf	Flathead	"
Gibbs, Porter T	I	144 N. Y. Inf	Blaine	"
Hoffman, Louis F	G	1 Mont. Inf	Silver Bow	Absent
Hall, Abel H	F	1 Mont. Inf	Beaverhead	"
Hanley, Archibald	H	14 Vermont Inf	Powell	Present
Herriman, Joseph L	I	138 Ill. Inf	Flathead	"
Hardesty, Henry	B	9 Ill. Cav	Madison	"
Hardsock, John W	H	26 Mich. Inf	Gallatin	Absent
Harris, Edson	Hatch,	Batt. Minn. Cav	Silver Bow	Present
Hawkins, Samuel	F	12 W. Va. Inf	Silver Bow	"
Hullinger, Chas. F	D	151 Ohio Inf	Beaverhead	"
Hayes, Patrick	B	2 Mich. Cav	Yellowstone	"
Johnson, Henry C	H	47 Ky. Inf	Fergus	"
Johnson, John W	B	45 Iowa Inf	Flathead	"
Jayne, Timothy	H	120 Ind. Inf	Flathead	Absent
Kivel, John	B	12 Wis. Inf	Flathead	Present
Kohn, Frank	H	7 Vermont Inf	Missoula	"
Lennon, Thomas J	M	2 Mo. Vet. Cav	Teton	"
Lorenz, Joseph	I	1 Mont. Inf	Deer Lodge	"
Lewis, Theodore	C	6 Wis. Inf	Park	"
Littlefield, Joshua M	K	1 Maine Inf	Cascade	"
Lamphear, Maxon	H	2 Minn. Cav	Yellowstone	"
Lochray, Archie	H	87 Penna. Inf	Cascade	Absent
Mestas, John	A	1 N. M. Inf	Powell	Present
Mills, John E	B	11 Mich. Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Mann, Owen	M	11 Kans. Cav	Flathead	"
Moody, William	H	1 N. M. Ter. Vo. Inf	Missoula	Absent
Moses, Francis S	M	2 N. Y. Art	Flathead	Present
Mallory, Chas. G. M	F	11 Conn. Inf	Gallatin	"



AUDITORIUM SERVICE BUILDING

Name.	Co. Command.	County.	Remarks.
Marsh, Cromwell	M 2 Ohio Vol. Cav	Toole	Present
McCreary, Isaac	E 18 Penna. Cav	Fergus	"
McFarland, Andrew	U. S. Navy	Valley	"
McIvor, Harry	Musician, 35 Mich. Inf	Missoula	"
Nelson, Joseph	F 8 Ind. Vol. Inf	Chouteau	"
Noonan, Robert	A 3 R. I. Cav	Yellowstone	"
Pierce, Winfield S	H 1 Nebr. Cav	Jefferson	"
Parker, William	F 2 N. Y. Cav	Park	"
Ross, William H	B 3 Del. Inf	Gallatin	"
Reed, Louis A	C 15 Kans. Cav	Phillips	Absent
Reese, George S	D 1 Penna. Inf	Toole	Present
Skinner, William	H 57 Ill. Inf	Flathead	"
Sweetland, Levi H	F 141 Ill. Inf	Fergus	"
Schoenberger, Anton	C 162 N. Y. Inf	Flathead	"
Schmitt, John A	A 27 Ill. Vol. Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Smith, Albert M	K 137 Ill. Vol. Inf	Flathead	"
Seymour, James	U. S. Navy	Silver Bow	"
Sperry, Jerome J	H 3 N. Y. Lgt. Art	Deer Lodge	"
Van Buren, Peter	C 1 Ill. Art	Mineral	"
Videtts, William	I 108 U. S. Col. Inf	Flathead	"
Webster, Alvin	K 5 Minn. Inf	Flathead	"
Wilson, Zacarior	A 84 Ill. Inf	Lewis & Clk.	"
Whitcomb, Sylvester J	F 2 Mass. Cav	Lincoln	"
Woodward, John	G 6 Ill. Cav	Flathead	"
Wamer, William	F 2 Ill. Cav	Teton	"
White, Albert T	C 158 Ind. Inf	Sheridan	"

A Roster of the Inmates of the Montana Soldiers' Home, November 30, 1917.

Ames, Sally	Wife	Flathead	Present
Baker, Ada	Widow	Missoula	"
Barnes, Anna	Wife	Lincoln	"
Beaver, Mary	"	Beaverhead	"
Boyle, Mary E	"	Silver Bow	"
Cooley, Mary E	"	Hill	Absent
Collar, Lucy A	"	Lincoln	Present
Curtis, Julia	"	Hill	"
Davis, Selma R	"	Flathead	"
Dyer, Charlotte E	Widow	Flathead	"
Friend, Rachel E	"	Beaverhead	Absent
Gwyn, Rachel R	"	Hull	"
Harbaugh, Harriet F	Wife	Lincoln	Present
Jayne, Patience E	"	Flathead	Absent
Johnson, Lizzie	"	Flathead	Present
Littlefield, Rosella F	"	Cascade	"
Lamphear, Adeline	"	Yellowstone	"
Moses, Alice A	"	Flathead	"
Marsh, Rachel	"	Toole	"
Phillips, Melissa	Widow	Flathead	"
Sparks, Elizabeth A	"	Lincoln	"
Schmitt, Amanda	Wife	Lewis & Clark	"
Smith, Hopy E	"	Flathead	"
Thompson, Sadie	Widow	Silver Bow	"
Trickey, Anna	"	Flathead	Absent
Walker, Nancy J	"	Flathead	Present
Woodward, Alice A	Wife	Flathead	"
Wamer, Zinna	"	Teton	"

INDEPENDENT CHARGE

Mason, James; U. S. Navy, served with Commodore Perry; 85 years of age. Admitted from Lewis and Clark county.

SOLDIERS' HOME CEMETERY

Mustered Out, 1917

ROSTER OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME WHO HAVE DIED
DURING THE PAST YEAR

Berry, Minor	Co. H, 7 Ind. Vol. Inf.	April	24, 1917 (at his home in Missoula)
Child, Christopher M	Co. I, 161 N. Y. Inf.	April	13, 1917
Gold, Edward M	Co. C, 1 Mont. Inf.	Feb.	16, 1917
Hathaway, Marshall D	Co. G, 4 Mass. Mil. Inf.	Nov.	11, 1917
Matthews, Lyman	Co. E, 9 Minn. Inf.	April	15, 1917
Meigs, George P	Co. D, 23 N. Y. Inf.	Jan.	12, 1917
Morley, Newton H	Co. K, 25 Conn. Inf.	Dec.	12, 1916
Newell, John B	Co. F, 2 Cal. Cav.	Feb.	14, 1917
Rhoades, Carlton M.	Co. I, 47 Ind. Inf.	Oct.	19, 1917

Jefferson, Thomas, Indian Fighter, an Independent Charge, died at the Home April 18, 1917.

WOMEN'S BUILDING--LOOKING NORTHWEST

SUMMARY

Whole number of members		556
Civil War	498	
Spanish-American War	44	
Mexican War	10	
Indian Wars	3	
Navy—No war	1	556

Total present and absent, November 30, 1917		111
Civil War	99	
Spanish-American War	9	
Mexican War	0	
Indian Wars	2	
Navy—No war	1	111

TOTAL POPULATION OF THE HOME

November 30, 1917

Members present and absent	111
Inmates present and absent	29
Civilian employes	22
Total	162

All except one of this number are maintained at the Home.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL STEWARD OF THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1917

Number of beds for the use of members			35
Number of patients, December 1, 1916		26	
Admitted during the year	13		
Returned from furlough	4		
Transferred from other buildings	18	35	
		61	
Number of patients on furlough	12		
Discharged during the year	8		
Transferred to other buildings	5		
Died during the year	9	34	
Present November 30, 1917		27	

Special calls for surgeon during the year	18
Special calls for steward to other buildings	43
Average number of patients, on diet and served with trays	8
Number of visitors admitted during the year	136
Number of meals served visitors	23

Inspection every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

REMARKS:—Many of the calls for the Steward were during the night. During the year the Steward, with the help of the other Hospital employes, painted all the beds in the Hospital, the commodes and radiators.

FARM AND GARDEN

Products of the Farm and Garden, raised and stored for the Winter for use of the Montana Soldiers' Home during the year 1917:

Hay:		
Timothy	10	tons
Grain (wheat)	10	"
Grain (barley)	8	"
Grain (oats)	16	"
Alfalfa	5	"
Total	49	"

Vegetables			Garden		
Carrots	11,150	pounds	Summer squash	7	bushels
Mangles	10,304	"	Green beans	4	"
Rudabagas	9,216	"	Green peas	15	"
Onions	2,200	"	Green Corn	15	"
Beets	1,102	"			
Turnips	1,248	"			
Potatoes	16,352	"			
Total vegetables	51,572	"			

In addition to the above the orchard yielded four barrels of apples and the garden a large quantity of lettuce, radishes, gren onions, etc.

Owing to the very dry season, the grain did not amount to anything and was all cut for hay. The vegetables were lighter than usual for the same reason, and it will be necessary to buy some to carry the Home through the Winter. And it will be necessary to buy some grain also, but an overabundance in 1916 that was held will almost carry through the Winter. It will be necessary, however, to buy all the seed grain that will be used next year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1917

Balance on hand December 1, 1916, according to the Report of November 30, 1916		$16,459.59
Maintenance Account	$13,256.07	
U. S. Aid Account	3,203.52	
	$16,459.59	
Less November, 1916, Vouchers and Payroll		2,995.29
		$13,464.30

RECEIPTS

U. S. Aid, Balance of August allowance	$ 17.16	
U. S. Aid	2,175.00	
Unreleased Appropriations	9,500.00	
Appropriation for 1917	35,250.00	
U. S. Aid	2,175.00	
U. S. Aid	2,025.00	
Transfers, Building Account to Maintenance	259.45	51,401.61
		$64,865.91

DISBURSEMENTS

		$64,865.91
Vouchers, December, 1916	$3,023.16	
Vouchers, January, 1917	3,896.97	
Vouchers, February, 1917	8,098.30	
Tax Charge, by State Treasurer	4.33	
Vouchers, March, 1917	2,653.94	
Unreleased Appropriation, reverted	9,206.72	
Vouchers, April, 1917	3,428.16	
Vouchers, May, 1917	3,642.59	
Vouchers, June, 1917	4,169.65	
Vouchers, July, 1917	3,726.33	
Vouchers, August, 1917	4,213.28	
Vouchers, September, 1917	3,973.37	
Vouchers, October, 1917	7,315.43	
Vouchers, November, 1917	3,538.39	60,890.62
Balance		$ 3,975.29

Divided as follows:

Maintenance	$ 2,386.70
U. S. Aid	1,588.59
	$ 3,975.29

The semi-annual Federal inspection was made by Colonel Miller, Inspector-General and Chief Surgeon, in April, but the October inspection was not made, owing to the fact that Colonel Marshall, Assistant Inspector-General, was commissioned a captain in the Quartermaster's Reserve Corps, United States army, and was ordered for active duty.

Colonel Miller stated in his printed report: "Buildings are good and substantial, and in fair repair. Grounds neat and well cared for. Members are provided comfortable uniform clothing. Food seems to be ample, properly cooked and served. The hospital is under the charge of a civilian hospital steward, and was in good condition. A physician in the village, makes regular visits and comes on call."

CONSTRUCTIONS AND REPAIRS

The principal item under this heading is, naturally, the new Service building, costing $17,974.20, which has just been inspected and accepted by the Board of Managers. This is a beautiful building, and the best built of the entire group at the institution. It is not only a credit to the Home, but also to the State of Montana.

The main floor contains the offices of the Commandant and the Adjutant and a large assembly hall, large enough to comfortably seat 250 people, and will be used for religious services, funerals and entertainments.

The second floor will be used for the sleeping quarters of the civilian employees, and comprises ten nice bed-rooms and a parlor.

The basement, in addition to a room for the heating plant, has a nice large room that will be used for a club room for the members, and another room to be used for a store room for the clothing, etc. of the Home.

WOMEN'S BUILDING—LOOKING SOUTHWEST

SERVICE BUILDING ACCOUNT

Appropriation		$ 18,000.00
Contract price of building paid contractor	$ 16,722.25	
Superintendent of construction	720.00	
Contractor paid for extras, materials and labor	272.50	
Plans, specifications, etc.	259.45	17,974.20
Balance of appropriation		$ 25.80

WATER TANK

It became necessary to erect a new water tank, which is to take the place of the old water tank that has been in use ever since the Home was opened. The old tank is in a state of decay and far from being safe. The Board of Managers let a contract to the Standard Engineering company, of Helena, Montana, for the erection of a 40,000-gallon water tank, made of red wood with cover, placed upon a 40-foot steel tower, at a price of $3,300.00, and raise pipe and frost-proof casing from tank to below frost line in the ground at an additional cost of $342.00. This tank was to have been erected within 100 days from date of the contract, viz: Aug. 15, 1917. 60% of the contract price was to be paid upon delivery of the material on the ground and in accordance therewith there has been paid on the contract $2,185.00, the balance to be paid on the acceptance of the tank and tower. This tank is not yet completed and probably will not be until early spring.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

It became necessary to build a building to protect the large amount of machinery of the Home and, in connection therewith, we erected a splendid poultry house at a total cost of $1,000.00. This is considered by the Board as being very necessary to the comfort of the Home. The machinery needed protection and the poultry very much lessens the cost of maintenance of the inmates and members of the Home.

We erected a concrete base for the flag pole and cannon, which are mounted and add very much to the beauty of the Home.

Twenty-five lengths—16 feet each of snow fence—this was very much needed at the Home. Cost, $92.00.

Thirty new wardrobes for the main building, $270.00.

Electric oven and dough mixer complete, $972.00.

These improvements were also very much needed. We also purchased a sulky plow and one new set of double harness, all amounting to $143.00. Also a manure spreader and California wagon box, $200.00.

A splendid iron gate—two large and two small ones—at a cost of $145.00; erecting concrete pillars and base for same and placing gates, $124.00.

There have been many repairs made, as follows: The wards of the main building were all kalsomined and the bath rooms painted. The wards in the hospital were also kalsomined and the bath rooms painted, and the floors oiled and repaired. The ventilators changed and an addition built to the main chimney. A new grease trap installed in the woman's building and the floors in the old part repaired and oiled. The porch was repaired and a few other minor repairs made about the building.

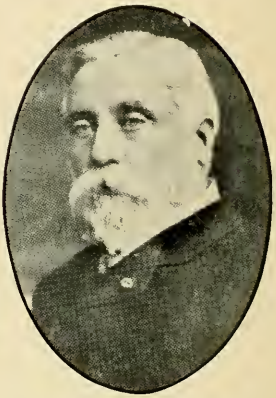
Numerous places about the several buildings needed repairs to the plaster, and all this was done. The engineer has made a number of repairs and replacements in his department and has the heating and water plant in good shape for the winter. The building mentioned in the last report for the purpose of housing fire fighting apparatus, has been completed and the apparatus installed.

JOHN MARCHION
G. A. R. Member

ARTHUR MORROW, M. D.
Deceased

HON. CHARLES S. WARREN
Secretary

AL INGRAHAM
President



HON. MARTIN MAGINNIS

A. T. MUNRO, M. D.
Successor of Dr. Morrow

Board of Managers, 1918

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

DECEMBER 1, 1917, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1918

Columbia Falls, Montana,
November 30, 1918.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Samuel V. Stewart,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

As required by law, the Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home beg to submit the following report of the affairs of the institution for the twelve (12) months ending the date hereof:

POPULATION

On December 1, 1917, there were present for duty, 69; sick, 27. Total present 96; absent with leave 15. Total present and absent, 111.

During the year 18 members have been admitted and 11 re-admitted; 20 have been discharged, 3 for conduct unbecoming a member of the Home and 17 on their own request. The Home has lost 13 by death, and 9 have been dropped for overstaying their six months leave.

Leave has been granted to 114, and 103 have returned from leave.

On this date, November 30, 1918, there are 47 present for duty and 25 sick. Total present, 72; absent 26. Total present and absent, 98.

A roster of the members of the Montana Soldiers' Home present and absent on November 30, 1918:

Name—		Command—	County	Remarks
Angevine, John	F	10 Mich. Cav.	Flathead	Present
Ames, James J.	B	58 Penna. Inf.	Flathead	"
Adamson, Ferdinand	G	7 Iowa Cav.	Gallatin	"
Axtell, John S.	E	6 Mich. Cav.	Silver Bow	"
Akers, William	A	154 N. Y. Inf.	Silver Bow	Absent
Adams, Rusling S.	I	148 Penna. Inf.	Lincoln	Present
Akerly, James W.	K	145 Penna. Vol. Inf.	Fergus	"
Baker, Osmond T.	H	12 N. H. Vol. Inf.	Flathead	"
Beck, Benjamin F.	I	21 Penna. Cav.	Flathead	Absent
Boyle, John	F	16 U. S. Inf.	Silver Bow	Present
Bailey, Mark W.	A	1 Maine Cav.	Park	"
Besette, Damas	K	36 Wis. Inf.	Jefferson	"
Barnes, Oscar O.	B	58 Penna. Inf.	Lincoln	"
Bunce, Rufus O.	F	1 Iowa Vet. Cav.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Butterfield, Henry E.	F	8 Wis. Inf.	Cascade	"
Bond, John C.	M	3 U. S. Vol. Cav.	Yellowstone	"
Beaver, David W.	H	134 Ohio Inf., N. G.	Beaverhead	"
Carver, Robert F.	I	12 Wis. Vet. Inf.	Flathead	"
Cilley, Isaac	I	Minn. Light Art.	Fergus	"
Cronin, Daniel		U. S. Navy	Lewis & Clk.	"
Clark, Isaac N.	G	13 U. S. Inf.	Chouteau	"

JOHN T. ROBINSON, M. D.
Surgeon

W. L. FITZSIMMONS
Adjutant

E. M. VAN DYKE
Engineer

G. I. REICHE
Commandant

REV. R. M. CRAVEN
Chaplain

MRS. ADA GREENHALGH
Matron

Officers Montana Soldiers' Home, 1918

Name—		Command—	County	Remarks
Cannovan, John		3 Ia. Bat. Lgt. Art.	Deer Lodge	Absent
Cook, James		U. S. Navy	Flathead	Present
Chilson, Albert		4 Ind. Bat. Lgt. Art.	Yellowstone	Absent
Collar, Ira		Unassigned Recruit	Lincoln	"
Chattin, Henry		U. S. Navy	Missoula	Present
Cole, Elis E.	H	4 U. S. Inf.	Missoula	Absent
DeVaney, Michael	I	10 N. Y. Inf.	Chouteau	Present
DeShanaway, LaFayette	A	14 Ohio Inf.	Flathead	"
Dunn, Frederick P.	H	9 Ill. Cav.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Davis, Irvin F.		U. S. Navy	Flathead	"
Driscoll, Dennis	K	18 U. S. Inf.	Silver Bow	"
Dinneen, John N.	E	34 Ohio Inf.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Dignan, Lawrence	B	1 Dak. Cav.	Cascade	"
Dilley, Joseph B.	E	88 Ohio Vol. Inf.	Gallatin	"
Dyer, Ichabod	C	32 Wis. Inf.	Flathead	"
Dumond, Daniel W.	A	48 Ind. Inf.	Dawson	"
Fisher, John W.	E	85 Ind. Inf.	Blaine	"
Frye, George	K	1 Mass. Hy. Art.	Hill	"
Fox, Charles	K	19 Iowa Inf.	Flathead	Absent
Fletcher, Samuel H.	A	2 Ill. Vol. Cav.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Goss, Leonard	D	45 Ill. Inf.	Lewis & Clk.	Pres't
Gilmore, Harry	M	3 U. S. Vol. Cav.	Yellowstone	Absent
Gainan, Edward J.	D	1 Mont. Inf.	Madison	Present
Gregg, Elijah K.	C	59 Ind. Inf.	Flathead	"
Gibbs, Porter T.	I	144 N. Y. Inf.	Blaine	Absent
Graham, William H.	H	8 Minn. Inf.	Lewis & Clk.	Pres't
Hall, Abel H.	F	1 Mont. Inf.	Beaverhead	Absent
Hanley, Archibald	H	14 Ver Inf.	Powell	Present
Herriman, Joseph L.	I	138 Ill. Inf.	Flathead	"
Hardsock, John W.	H	26 Mich. Inf.	Gallatin	Absent
Harris, Edson		Hatch, Bat. Minn. Cav.	Silver Bow	Present
Hayes, Patrick	B	2 Mich. Cav.	Yellowstone	"
Hausman, John	A	11 U. S. Inf.	Hill	"
Johnson, Henry C.	H	47 Ky. Inf.	Fergus	Absent
Johnson, John W.	B	45 Iowa Inf.	Flathead	Present
Jayne, Timothy	H	120 Ind. Inf.	Flathead	"
Kivel, John	B	12 Wis. Inf.	Flathead	Absent
Kohn, Frank	H	7 Vermont Inf.	Missoula	Present
Lennon, Thomas J.	M	2 Mo. Vet. Cav.	Teton	Absent
Lewis, Theodore	C	6 Wis. Inf.	Park	Present
Lamphear, Maxon	H	2 Minn. Cav.	Yellowstone	"
Lochray, Archie	H	87 Penna. Inf.	Cascade	Absent
McCreary, Isaac	E	18 Penna. Cav.	Fergus	Present
McFarland, Andrew		U. S. Navy	Valley	Absent
McIvor, Harry		Band, 35 Mich. Inf.	Missoula	Absent
Mestas, John	A	1 N. M. Inf.	Powell	Present
Mills, John E.	B	11 Mich. Inf.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Mann, Owen	M	11 Kans. Cav.	Flathead	"
Moses, Francis S.	M	2 N. Y. Art	Flathead	Absent
Mallory, Chas. G. M.	F	11 Conn. Inf.	Gallatin	"
Marsh, Cromwell	M	2 Ohio Vol. Cav.	Toole	Present
Mitchell, William	F	3 Wisc. Cav.	Flathead	"
Marques, Scott	I	5 Ohio Cav.	Sanders	Present
Nelson, Joseph	F	8 Ind. Vol. Inf.	Chouteau	"
Noonan, Robert	A	3 R. I. Cav.	Yellowstone	"
Pierce, Winfield S.	H	1 Nebr. Cav.	Jefferson	"
Parker, William	F	2 N. Y. Cav.	Park	"
Presley, Ashbel G. H.	D	34 N. Y. Inf.	Flathead	Absent
Ross, William H.	B	3 Del. Inf.	Gallatin	Present
Reed, Louis A.	C	15 Kans. Cav.	Phillips	Absent

MAIN BUILDING

Name—		Command—	County	Remarks
Reese, George S.	D	1 Penna. Inf.	Toole	Present
Rollins, Rhenault A.	K	17 Iowa Inf.	Flathead	Absent
Roberts, John H.	I	2 Wis. Cav.	Yellowstone	Present
Radebah, Thomas J.	G	6 Iowa Cav.	Flathead	Absent
Spiller, John	H	11 Ill. Inf.	Silver Bow	Present
Skinner, William	H	57 Ill. Inf.	Flathead	"
Sweetland, Levi H.	F	141 Ill. Inf.	Fergus	"
Schoenberger, Anton	C	162 N. Y. Inf.	Flathead	"
Schmitt, John A.	A	27 Ill. Vol. Inf.	Lewis & Clk.	"
Seymour, James		U. S. Navy	Silver Bow	"
Stine, Evander	A	77 O. Vol. Vet. Inf.	Madison	Absent
Summers, Henry C.	A	1 Ind. Cav.	Park	Present
Van Buren, Peter	C	1 Ill. Art.	Mineral	"
Webster, Alvin	K	5 Minn. Inf.	Flathead	"
Whitcomb, Sylvester J.	F	2 Mass. Cav.	Lincoln	"
Wamer, William	F	2 Ill. Cav.	Teton	"
White, Albert T.	C	158 Ind. Inf.	Sheridan	Absent

A roster of the inmates of the Montana Soldiers' Home November 30, 1918:

Ames, Sally	Wife	Flathead	Present
Baker, Mrs. Ada	Widow	Missoula	"
Barnes, Anna	Wife	Lincoln	"
Beaver, Mary	"	Beaverhead	"
Boyle, Mary E.	"	Silver Bow	"
Baker, Mrs. O. T.	"	Flathead	Absent
Cooley, Mary E.	"	Hill	"
Crottean, Mrs. Exildus	Widow	Lincoln	"
Davis, Selma	Wife	Flathead	Present
Dyer, Charlotte	"	Flathead	"
Friend, Rachel	Widow	Beaverhead	Absent
Harbaugh, Harriet F.	"	Lincoln	Present
Hausman, Augusta L.	Wife	Hill	"
Jayne, Patience E.	"	Flathead	"
Johnson, Lizzie	"	Flathead	"
Littlefield, Rosilla A.	Widow	Flathead	Absent
Lamphear, Adaline	Wife	Yellowstone	Present
Moses, Alice A.	"	Flathead	Absent
Marsh, Rachel	"	Toole	Present
Marques, Mary	"	Sanders	Absent
Phillips, Melissa	Widow	Flathead	"
Rollins, Theresa H.	Wife	Flathead	"
Sparks, Elizabeth A.	Widow	Lincoln	Present
Smith, Hopy E.	"	Flathead	"
Swanson, Anna	"	Phillips	"
Thompson, Sadie	"	Silver Bow	"
Trickey, Anna	"	Flathead	"
Walker, Nancy J.	"	Flathead	"
Woodward, Alice	"	Flathead	Absent
Wamer, Zina	Wife	Teton	Present
Walter, Mary A.	Widow	Flathead	"

PUMPING STATION ON FLATHEAD RIVER

Mustered Out, 1917-1918

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Baker, William H.	Co. G, 156 Ill. Inf.	Died	Aug.	6,	1918
Brown, Thomas B.	Co. D, 9 Iowa Cav.	"	Nov.	12,	1918
Curtis, Francis J.	Co. D, 1 Minn. Inf.	"	June	19,	1918
Darcy, Peter	U. S. Navy	"	June	22,	1918
Hawkins, Samuel	Co. F, 12 W. Va. Inf.	"	March	21,	1918
Hoffman, Louis F.	Co. G, 1 Mont. Inf. (At Warm Springs, Mont., buried at Warm Springs)	"	June	18,	1918
Hunt, Frederick A.	Co. C, 14 N. Y. Cav.	"	July	21,	1918
Hardesty, Henry	Co. B, 9 Ill. Cav.	"	Sept.	17,	1918
Littlefield, Joshua M.	Co. K, 1 Maine Cav.	"	Dec.	22,	1917
Moody, William	Co. H, 1 N. Mex. T Vol. Inf.	"	Nov.	7,	1918
Smith, Albert Miller	Co. K, 137 Ill. Vol. Inf.	"	April	26,	1918
Videtts, William	Co. I, 108 U. S. Col. Inf.	"	May	6,	1918
Woodward, John	Co. G, 6 Ill. Cav.	"	May	12,	1918

In addition to the above:

Mason James, U. S. Navy, and with the Perry expedition to Japan, who was kept at the Home as an independent charge, died at the Home March 14, 1918, and was buried in the Home cemetery.

The following former members of the Home have died during the year, and their deaths have been reported to the Home, for a matter of record:

Blankley, William; D 14 Wis. Inf.; died May 4, 1918, at Battle Mountain Sanitarium, and was buried there.

Wilson, Zacariah; A 84 Ill. Inf.; died November 19, 1918, at Columbia Falls, but was buried in the Home cemetery.

Young, Charles A.; A 1 Mass. Hy. Art.; died September 26, 1918, at Kalispell, and was buried there.

The following inmates of the Home have died the past year, and were buried in the Montana Soldiers' Home cemetary:

Collar, Lucy A.; wife of Ira Collar; died March 16, 1918.

Curtis, Julia; wife of Francis J. Curtis; died July 3, 1918.

Schmitt, Amanda; wife of John A. Schmitt; died May 11, 1918.

Gwyn, Rachel R.; widow of William T. Gwyn; died at Warm Springs, August, 1916, and was buried at Big Sandy. (This death was not reported to the Home until this year.)

SUMMARY

Whole number of members		574
Civil War	515	
Spanish-American War	45	
Mexican War	10	
Indian Wars	3	
Navy—no war	1	574

* * *

Total present and absent November 30, 1918		98
Civil War	90	
Spanish-American War	7	
Indian Wars	1	98

* * *

Total population of the Home November 30, 1918:

Members present and absent	98
Inmates present and absent	31
Civilian employees	20
Total	149

Four of the above civilian employees are not maintained at the Home; all others are.

* * *

Report of the Hospital Steward of the Montana Soldiers' Home for the year ending Nov. 30, 1918:

Number of beds for use of members			37
Number of patients Dec. 1, 1917		27	
Patients admitted during 12 months	7		
" returned from furlough, same period	17		
" transferred from main bldg.	16		
" transferred from woman's bldg.	4	44	
		71	
Patients taking furlough	21		
" discharged from Home	5		
" transferred to main bldg.	7		
" transferred to woman's bldg.	1		
" died at hospital	12	46	
Patients present November 30, 1918			25
Special calls for physician			26
Special calls for steward to other buildings			97

Patients on trays, 17; visitors admitted, 119; meals to visitors, 45.

FARM AND GARDEN—1918

Products of the farm and garden raised and stored for the winter of 1918-1919:

Hay—

Oat and wheat grain hay, and some mixed alfalfa and oats..... 20 tons

Vegetables—

Rutabagas	1618 pounds
Carrots	8660 pounds
Mangles	7261 pounds
Beets	2001 pounds
Onions	600 pounds
Cabbage	1000 heads
Potatoes	1050 bushels

Garden Truck—

Summer squash, cucumbers, green peas, green beans, green corn and pumpkins, radishes, green onions, lettuce in sufficient quantities to well supply the tables of all the buildings during the summer.

Grain—

Wheat	126 bushels
Barley	33 bushels
Oats	85 bushels

Several boxes of apples were also picked from the trees of the orchard.

Again we had a very dry season, and much of the grain had to be cut for hay, as it was burning up, so that the showing of grain was very small and the hay was not a good quality. To augment the small quantity of hay, we purchased a car-load of first-class alfalfa to help us through the winter.

The garden was only saved by the constant efforts of the gardener and several assistants, who watered it for several weeks through the worst part of the season. The crop was very light at that, but will probably see us through the winter.

The products of the poultry have helped a great deal in supplying the needs of the Home, and from last fall to the first of December, this year, has produced 2,000 dozen of eggs and 1,400 pounds of chicken.

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

December 1, 1917, to November 30, 1918

Balance on hand December 1, 1917		$ 3,975.29
Divided—		
Maintenance	$ 2,386.70	
U. S. aid	1,588.59	
Receipts—		
From U. S. aid, 9-30-17 allowance	$ 2,025.00	
From U. S. aid, 12-31-17 allowance	2,325.00	
From U. S. aid, 3-31-18 allowance	2,400.00	
From general appropriation, year 1918	35,250.00	42,000.00
		$45,975.29

Disbursements—

		$45,975.29
Vouchers and payroll, December, 1917	$ 3,323.09	
Vouchers and payroll, January, 1918	3,335.98	
Vouchers and payroll, February, 1918	5,658.60	
Vouchers and payroll, March, 1918	2,854.36	
Vouchers and payroll, April, 1918	4,439.29	
Vouchers and payroll, May, 1918	3,203.61	
Vouchers and payroll, June, 1918	4,073.69	
Vouchers and payroll, July, 1918	4,016.57	
Vouchers and payroll, August, 1918	3,778.50	
Vouchers and payroll, September, 1918	3,524.46	
Vouchers and payroll, October, 1918	2,544.28	
Vouchers and payroll, November, 1918	3,592.36	
Total		$44,344.79

Divided as follows:

Maintenance	$ 1,465.98
U. S. aid	164.52
	$ 1,630.50

The semi-annual Federal inspection was made by Colonel Miller, Inspector-General and Chief Surgeon, May 15, 1918, but owing to the Assistant Inspector-General having been called to active service, the October inspection was waived this year.

Colonel Miller stated that he found all members on the muster roll entitled to Federal aid, and that the buildings and grounds were in good shape, the food well cooked and served, and comfortable clothing furnished the members. He further complimented the Home and State on the new Service building.

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

Roadway to Gate:

Although th's road was graveled a couple of years ago, it had never had a surfacing, and this has been done, making a fine roadway at a cost of $120.00.

Roadway and Lawn About Service Building:

It was necessary to make a roadway around the new Service building, and this was done, taking care to make the road conform to the others about the institution, and at the same time making a very pretty lawn about the building. This was all done by the Home staff of workers, and cost about $75.00.

The Home force of workers also built a new fence through the pasture, and repaired all the other fences about the premises.

Hospital:

Electric call bells have been installed in all the wards of the Hospital with an indicator in the Steward's office; a much needed improvement, at a cost of $145.00.

A new grease trap has been installed at the Hospital, as the old one was inadequate and unsanitary; the new one cost, installed, $115.00.

The south porch of the Hospital, second story, has had two skylights put in, and a door cut from one room onto the porch. The skylights furnish much additional light in several of the rooms and on the main stairway, and the door allows the Steward to wheel some of the patients on the second floor, out into the air and sunshine. These improvements were made at a cost of $160.00.

Minor Repairs:

New rubber matting has been placed in the Woman's building, and some in the Main building, while all the halls and stairs of the Service building have been covered with same.

Part of the roof of the Administration building has been re-shingled, as it was very much in need of the repair.

A sanitary drinking fountain has been installed in the Main building lobby, replacing the old sink in that place and abolishing the use of a common cup. A lavatory has been installed in the toilet of the Service building, as there was none on the first floor. These two improvements cost $70.00.

The roof of the Main building has been given two coats of paint to preserve it. The best grade of oil paint was used, and should last for several years. This, at a cost of $228.00.

A new ice house has been erected, mostly by the Home force, and much left-over lumber from other improvements. The cost was only about $75.00.

Some repairs have been made in the Laundry; mostly by the laundryman, with the assistance of some of the other employes and members.

A new auxiliary steam engine for pumping water, in case the gas engine power should fail, was installed last summer at a cost of $160.00; while not actually in use, is a valuable installation if it should ever be needed.

We will conclude with an extract from circular letter No. 3, issued Nov. 19, 1918, by Clarendon E. Adams, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. This letter was addressed to the "Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic," but as it so thoroughly expresses our sentiments and is so replete with thought and language that cannot be altered without loss, we will submit it in its entirety as expressing our own views and ideals:

"The world's greatest crisis has passed; the roaring cannon is stilled; the rattle of the machine gun is silenced; the roll of musketry no longer reaps its toll of human life; the bugle's blast, the shouts of charging men, the quick, sharp command, no longer marshal men to battle; the nights are no longer hideous with the whirr of the zeppelin; the submarine has ceased to lash the peaceful waters of the sea with its fury of destruction. And from the frowning battlements and deep trenches of the war-swept fields of Europe, we can behold the American soldier returning victorious from the fiercest, bloodiest and most desperate battlefields of all time, exalted and honored for his intrepid bravery, his gallantry and his American manhood. And in the arched blue dome of heaven he has forever fixed "Old Glory," the flag of the free. Those of "our boys" who are resting upon the battlefields of Europe are martyrs, lofty in patriotism and crowned with a glory as exalted as ever inspired a Christian martyr. It was not for party ambition that our heroes fought and died, but it was for that nobler purpose that swells in the bosom of the true patriot that exalts American freedom as a blessing to all mankind.

"To those whose lives were spared, we say: Come home, brave boys, your duties are done; America is yours, and the world is your debtor. To the parents and relatives of our Liberty Boys can we say: The badge of honor you have so proudly worn has become immutably fixed in all our hearts and all our homes; some are silver and some are gold. With the silver star is blended a nation's welcome. To the star of gold, martyred heroes, around you clusters memories of sacrifice and devotion that sanctifies freedom's cause. America's part in this war has extended the principles of freedom and justice to all mankind. It has broken the fetters of prejudice; it has destroyed arbitrary governments and dictatorial power; it has swept the rule of tyrants from the face of the earth; it has given liberty to all mankind.

"My Comrades, this great war was the culmination of the principles for which you fought from '61 to '65, and in carrying forward this great plan of freedom and reconstruction let us pursue it with a vigor and sincerity worthy the American name.

"Now is the time to display our love of freedom. Our national holidays are near to hand. Make them resplendent with patriotism and devotion. May our beacon light ever be One County, One Language, and One Flag. And to our army and navy we can say—our nation's pride and boast, invincible in war, incomparable in peace. See to it that public meetings are called and that a royal welcome greets the return of our "Yanks" to their homes.

"Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

CLARENDON E. ADAMS,
Commander-in-Chief.

ATTEST:

ALBERT M. TRIMBLE,
Adjutant-General."

Respectfully submitted,

AL. INGRAHAM, President,
CHARLES S. WARREN, Secretary,
MARTIN MAGINNIS,
A. T. MUNRO, M. D.,
JOHN MARCHION, G. A. R. Member,
Board of Managers, Montana Soldiers' Home.

Columbia Falls, Montana, December 1st, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Board of Managers, officers, members and employees of the Montana Soldiers' Home acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the following newspapers of Montana, and generously contributed to the Home, viz:

Anaconda Standard	Daily	Anaconda,	Mont.
Bozeman Courier	Weekly	Bozeman	"
Butte Evening Post	Daily	Butte	"
Butte Miner	Daily	Butte	"
Columbian	Weekly	Col. Falls	"
Dillon Tribune	Weekly	Dillon	"
Great Falls Leader	Daily	Great Falls	"
Havre Plaindealer	Weekly	Havre	"
Helena Progressive	Weekly	Helena	"
Helena Record	Daily	Helena	"
Kalispell Bee	Semi-W'kly	Kalispell	"
Kalispell Journal	Weekly	Kalispell	"
Lewistown Argus	Weekly	Lewistown	"
Missoulian	Daily	Missoula	"
River Press	Weekly	Fort Benton	"
Rocky Mountain Husbandman	Weekly	Great Falls	"
Silver State	Weekly	Deer Lodge	"
Whitefish Pilot	Weekly	Whitefish	"

The Board of Managers desire to thank the publishers, one and all, for the above papers, as every paper in the above list is appreciated by everyone at the Home.

In the event that we have overlooked any of the contributors in the list of publications received by the Home, we desire to apologize for the oversight, and should any publisher desire one or more of these reports, the same will be gladly furnished by addressing Mr. W. L. Fitzsimmons, Adjutant, Columbia Falls, Mont.

"We'll Never Haul the Old Flag Down"

From north to south,
From east to west,
Our nation's flag shall be
The only one to which we pledge
Our love and loyalty.

MC KEE PTG. CO., BUTTE, MONT.